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AN EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY

It is pleasing to learn that the producers and shippers of Oregon have been laboring under a mistake with regard to car-shortage, which they were disposed to look upon as an injury to their business. Manager Scott of the Southern Pacific, comes to the rescue and points out that instead of being a calamity the car shortage is an evidence of prosperity, and that the shippers of California look upon it as such.

It is cheering to know, as we do now, that it has been explained to us, that the carshortage is a blessing, an evidence of that prosperity the East has been enjoying for two years and which was just beginning to be felt here when the car shortage came along and assured us according to Manager Scott that it was really here.

Mills are closing down on account of this evidence of prosperity and fruit is rotting in the orchards; but what's the difference so long as we know the thing that causes this condition is the very best evidence of prosperity? Mr. Scott, in talking to the public service commission yesterday, told it and the interested Oregonians gathered there seeking relief from car shortage, that "In California there is also serious shortage, but the people there seem to look upon it in a different way. They regard it as an evidence of prosperity rather than a calamity." He asserted: "The California shippers listed the shortage causes as, unprecedented activity in eastern manufacturing; deficiency of ship tonnage on both coasts; closing of the Panama canal; congestion of freight cars in eastern terminals and failure of car builders to fill an order for 3,500 new box cars."

Just what satisfaction this action of Californians in designating the cause of the trouble can afford shippers who want cars, is something Mr. Scott did not explain. It is about as satisfactory as showing a youngster who wants milk, the picture of a cow. It is telling Oregon shippers why the shortage is here instead of doing anything to overcome it. It is of no especial interest to the orchardist whose fruit is rotting or the millman who must close his plant on account of car shortage to have the reason explained to him why the shortage exists. It hurts just as bad no matter what causes it. It is not the theories of railroading that the shippers want to understand it is the condition they want altered. They do not care so much for the evidence of prosperity as for the prosperity itself. Mr. Scott's explanation, however, opens the way for overcoming hard times and suggests a remedy easily applied. In case of a dull season all that will be required to have the evidence of prosperous times is for the railroads to take their cars out of the state, leaving us with a shortage. That would make us all feel that times were real good as the evidence of prosperity would be visible at all shipping points. Manager Scott deserves the thanks of the state for pointing out this easy road to business prosperity.

Judge Davis, of Multnomah county, is passing upon the question of the legality of a marriage performed by a notary public in Alaska, in the trial of Homer N. Ford on a criminal charge held that such marriage was a common law one, and under the laws of Oregon from which the Alaska law was copied was perfectly legal. In so deciding he among other things said: "I believe a common law marriage should be recognized by the courts of this state—the evils of failure to recognize it are much greater than those of recognition." He added: "Marriage existed before codes and before creeds, and is a natural relationship." The sentiment of the state is unanimously with Judge Davis' construction of the law, with perhaps the sole exception of Homer N. Ford.

In spite of all the doleful predictions of the railroad chiefs, because of the passage of the eight-hour day bill, railroad stocks are selling higher than ever before in the history of the country. If these same railroad managers believe what they say why don't they take this splendid opportunity to unload and get out of the business?

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THE PENDLETON ROUND-UP

The sound of the hew-gag and the swish of the lariat are heard in Pendleton again today as the annual Round-Up gets in full swing. The cowboy with legs like a pair of callipers and a swagger like a deep sea sailor on shore leave, is there his neck acting as a pole for a red bandana flag and his spurs rivaling the wheel of the old steamer Calliope that used to ply on the Portland-Vancouver route—only bigger. Everybody else who can spare the time and money is also there just "letting 'er buck." With wheat way above the dollar mark, the Umatilla farmer has money to throw at the birds and there are plenty of that kind of songsters there. The merchants have so much money they have to lay awake at nights devising ways of getting rid of it, and on top of these two "Midases" there are numbers from the effete east whose dads have a wad laid up from stocks, bonds and "war brides," getting a touch of western color and adding to the hilarity of the occasion. They will get what they came for, for they will see riding of a kind unknown in the east and which can only be learned by straddling a tornado, putting spurs to an earthquake, or slapping a cyclone over the ears with a cowboy hat, as a starter, and then have the finishing touches put on by years of practice on the hurricane deck of a volcanic eruption done up and concentrated in the hide of the toughest, wiriest bunch of animal magnetism that ever flaunted its bannered tail over the hills and plains of the world's great wilds, the Oregon Cayuse.

Candidate Hughes condemns every piece of constructive legislation passed during the Wilson administration, except the federal reserve act, which he intimates might be allowed to stand if fixed up to suit the big eastern bankers. The Underwood tariff law, the shipping bill, federal trade commission act, the rural credits law, tariff commission act, eight-hour day law and various other measures are to be replaced on the statutes by acts more agreeable to the shipping combine, the big protected manufacturing trusts, etc. At the same time Mr. Hughes wires congratulations to Senator Poindexter, re-nominated in Washington after having supported the entire legislative program, and to Governor Johnson of California who won in that state although in sympathy with all the progressive ideas of the Wilson administration. How could Hughes consistently congratulate Poindexter on his victory when the latter had voted for the Underwood tariff bill and all the other measures that Hughes is denouncing daily on the stump. How must the republicans of Wisconsin feel, after renominating LaFollette by a big majority—a senator who voted for all the Wilson measures—to have their party candidate for president denouncing these laws as harmful or vicious?

The Carranza leaders have promised to run Villa down. They have been doing this for a year or more but generally through the press reports. However they cannot say anything too mean about him. The Spanish language is weak where the Anglo-Saxon speech is strong and expressive. Imagine a Spaniard being forced to express his opinion of Villa by asserting that "the mother of the man Senor Villa is the lady dog." Where would be the satisfaction in that kind of a statement?

Wall Street is as sensitive to events as the mercury to changes of temperature. When Rumania entered the war on the side of the allies Russian rubles rose materially and German marks declined to their lowest exchange value. This is a pretty strong indication of what capital thought of the effect of Rumania's action.

In the face of assertions that the Bulgars and Austrians are holding their own comes the statement from Athens that the Austrians are preparing to evacuate Trieste and the Bulgarians are moving their archives from Monastir to Uskob preparatory to abandoning that city.



VACATIONERS

I've been where countless people went for recreation and repose, where forty kinds of seeds are spent for motor rides and things like those. There were, for those who had the price, all kinds of harmless, cheerful snares, and there was every known device to make a man forget his cares. I sat and watched them, all day long, beneath a quaking aspen tree; to find so sad and gum a throng, a funeral you'd have to see. The tourist plodded on his way, as though he'd lost his dearest friend; his face, despondent, seemed to say, "I'll see this ordeal to the end." With gloom expressed in every act, he went the rounds, where others went, and saw the Rainbow Cataract, or gazed on fakers in a tent. The Windy Cavern he explored, and trailed along some dizzy curve, and all the while he looked so bored the guides and spiers lost their nerve. I saw ten thousand tourists thus; they jogged along through scenes sublime, and looked as though they'd like to cuss so vain a waste of precious time.

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State House News

Labor Commissioner Hoff reports that there are in Oregon sixteen individuals and firms in the sign writing business. Nine additional people are employed, who receive a total of \$8,249 in wages.

In an opinion given to the fish and game commission yesterday, Attorney General Brown says that it is against the law to catch crabs during the months of July, August and September, except in Lincoln county, and that crabs cannot legally be shipped at any season of the year except in cans.

The discovery has been made that road machinery belonging to the state, valued at \$5000, has been left exposed to the weather in Clatsop county ever since the administration of former Highway Engineer Bowley. State Engineer Lewis has been instructed by the highway commission to have the machinery, which consists of a grader, several cars and an engine, placed under shelter.

An interesting story under the title, "Irish Linen Made in Oregon," appears in the current issue of The Nation's Business, official publication of the chamber of commerce of the United States. The story relates of the experimental work in this state in growing and retting flax.

The industrial accident commission has begun suit in the circuit court to collect \$2387 from Ira B. Lyons, a Silverton plumber. The commission alleges that Lyons stated his intention of becoming subject to the compensation act in July, 1914, and that between that date and the following July his payroll amounted to \$1419.17, \$49.67 of which should have been paid to the commission. It is said that but \$3.85 was turned over.

The state board of control will hold its semi-annual meeting for the eastern Oregon district for the session at Pendleton this week, and while in that city will attend the round-up. Secretary Oleott and Treasurer Kay, with Secretary Goodin, will leave tonight, and Governor Withycombe will join them from North Yakima, where he is attending the Washington state fair.

George Palmer Putnam, private secretary to the governor, who has been with Company M on the Mexican border since June, is again at work in the governor's office.

State Fair Notes

The ladies of Sedgwick Post No. 1, Woman's Relief Corps, of Salem, is establishing headquarters in the shady oak grove inside the Fair Grounds where they will keep an open house throughout fair week, for the benefit of the old soldiers and their families while visiting the Fair. Their spacious tent will be fitted out with chairs, couches, tables, writing materials, books, papers, magazines, etc., and it will serve as an ideal retreat for the old veterans and their ladies. Mrs. Florence Shipp, of Salem, will be in charge.

Secretary-Manager Lea of the State Fair has set aside the shady oak grove within the Fair Grounds as a camping place for the G. A. R. and W. R. C., the Boy Scouts, Boys' and Girls' instruction camps, the Rebekahs, Women of Woodcraft, etc., where headquarters

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will be established and where their special social gatherings and private entertainments may be held. For such of those who have not tents and other necessary equipment Secretary Lea is making arrangements to secure such equipment from the Third Oregon Regiment, to be mustered out next Monday. He will also secure enough cots for the members of the Boys' and Girls' camps, of 40 and 45 each, respectively, from the Oregon soldier commissary so that they will be provided with warm and comfortable beds off the ground.

F. P. Wolfe, well known Shetland pony breeder of near Woodburn, visited the Fair Grounds yesterday and made arrangements for the accommodation of his entries to the pony competition both in the regular live-stock and the Horse Show classifications. His ponies will participate in all of the pony races to be pulled off during the week. M. S. Levy, of La Grande, Union county, who had the big string of Shetlands at last year's Fair will be on hand with a bigger string than he had before, fully equipped with all of the paraphernalia to compete in all of the pony events in the Horse Show. His brother, George Levy, also of La Grande, will be here with another exhibit of Shetlands so that the entries in the pony classes

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A NEW CREATION AND A NEW SURPRISE

CHAPTER XXVII
I now realize perfectly that when I was first married I was nothing but a silly girl-wife, with all kinds of foolish ideals of love and marriage. About each of us being the counterpart of the other, and all that kind of stuff, that is so seldom, if ever, true—the "Two souls with but a single thought. Two hearts with but a single aim." Idea, and a lot of more of that nonsense! I am wiser now.
A few days after my attempt to plan something so that I could meet Clifford's friends, Leonard Brooke called. I was feeling peculiarly lonely and alone, and was correspondingly glad to see him.
"Do stay and have tea with me," I urged. "I have a terrible fit of the blues this afternoon. It is so good to have a friend drop in."
A Friend Lends Sunlight.
"I am glad you called me that," he said gently. "I want you to know we well enough to believe that I am your friend."
"Oh, I do believe that now!" I exclaimed impulsively; "and I met you just when I needed a friend." Then, a bit ashamed of my frankness, I added, "I knew no young people then, and I had so many young friends at home."
I don't know why I should have spoken as I did. It was the impulse of the moment. Had I conveyed more than I meant? Had I allowed him to realize my loneliness and my unhappiness more than was proper for a married woman? I was so unhappy most of the time that I often felt that nothing mattered much, yet now I knew that somehow it was not wise to let this young man who was so congenial know too much of my troubles.
He had awakened in me a desire for the something I had missed in my life with Clifford. He was so entertaining, while, instead of being in the way. That was how I had commenced to feel with Clifford—that I was in his way.
Mr. Brooke remained and had tea with me, although he had at first declared it was impossible, that he could only remain a few minutes. He told me such droll stories, was so jolly and full of fun, that I forgot I was a neglected wife; forgot that the day was dull and colorless; forgot that my plans for our happiness had all gone awry; and all other disagreeable things.
After he left I still retained the pleasant feeling his company had inspired. And when Clifford came home I tried to be as nice as possible, and not say anything he wouldn't like. This was the only reason that I did not mention Mr. Brooke's call. There was no reason I should hide it—Clifford had told me to have my young friends if I wanted them. He had also told me not to bother him about them. So I kept still.
Tickets for the Theatre.
After dinner he produced some theater tickets and told me if I could be ready in half an hour he would take me to the theatre. I remembered yet how astonished and pleased I was. I was so taken by surprise—he had been so cross lately—that I just stood still and looked at him.
"If you don't want to go, say so, but don't stand there staring like a fool."
"Oh, I do want to go, Clifford! I was so surprised that you asked me, that's all," I blurted. Then fearing that my tasteless speech would make him angry, I added, "I'll be ready in less than half an hour, dear."
"See that you look as well as you can. I don't care to take a woman out looking like a frump."
"I'll look all right," I called back. Not for nothing had I determined to make the most of myself. Only that morning I had a lovely gown sent home from the new modiste's into whose hands I had put myself until I should learn how to dress. I could scarcely wait to hear his verdict as Mandy helped me into the lovely rose-colored creation and threw the new velvet wrap over my shoulders.
(Tomorrow—An Evening at the Theatre.)